

Bicycles and Personal Transportation Devices Policy



Bicycles and Other Personal Transportation Devices (Scooters, Hoverboards, Skateboards and Skates)

To promote safety, courtesy, and caution, the use of bicycles and other personal transportation devices – including but not limited to skateboards, hoverboards, scooters and skates – is governed by the following policy, which includes both motorized and non-motorized devices. These devices may only be used in outdoor areas and are prohibited inside any University building.

General Use

- Personal transportation devices (e.g. bicycles, skateboards, scooters) are prohibited inside all University buildings (with the exception of Triathlon Team members in the Levine center in pre-approved areas). This excludes mobility devices used as an approved reasonable accommodation.
- Users must yield the right of way to pedestrians AND/OR avoid disrupting pedestrian or vehicular traffic.
- Use of these devices on campus is limited to students, faculty, staff, and their guests. Dependents and guests must be accompanied by a student, faculty or staff member with a valid Q-Card. All personal transportation devices shall yield the right-of-way and avoid colliding with pedestrians.

Risk and Responsibility

- Individuals assume full responsibility for all risks associated with the use of bicycles and other personal transportation devices, including injuries or property damage.
- Operators are personally responsible for all costs related to injury or damage caused by their device.
- Stunt riding and skating on elevated surfaces, (e.g. benches, steps, stairways, walls, or other objects) is prohibited at all times.
- The use of protective gear – helmets, wrist guards, elbow and knee pads – is strongly recommended at all times.
- Check all components of the bike for proper working order, invest in a headlamp and flashing rear light for nighttime riding, obey all traffic control devices, and use proper hand signals. Not all drivers may be paying attention so you must be responsible for your safety.
- Riding while attached to another vehicle ("clinging") is prohibited under North Carolina law.
- Riders must not exceed the manufacturer's recommended occupancy for any device.
- If you believe your bike has been stolen or is lost, check all of the bike racks on campus. Then come to the Campus Police Office in Watkins Hall to file a report.

Storage and Parking

- Storage must comply with university policies, including those for residence halls.
- Motorized or electric personal transportation devices may not be used, charged, or stored in any Queens-owned, operated, or leased building. This includes residence halls, academic buildings, dining halls, sports facilities, etc.
- All devices must be properly secured and stored when not in use:
 - Bicycles and scooters must be parked in designated bicycle racks. Do not lock them to lamp posts or stairwell railings.
 - Lock your bike with an appropriate chain and padlock or other bicycle locking device
 - Scooters must be upright and must not block pedestrian pathways.
 - Devices parked in unauthorized areas (e.g. stairwells, railings, brick colonnades, gazebos) may be confiscated.
 - Bicycles left after May Commencement become University property and will be donated.

Registration and Legal Compliance

- Motorized vehicles capable of exceeding 25 mph must be registered with the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles and obtain a parking permit for a vehicle – these are not considered bicycles.
- Bicycles must be registered with the Campus Police Department by visiting parking.queens.edu. Registration can aid in recovery if a bicycle is stolen. It is also required to register annually.
- The University reserves the right to immediately relocate or confiscate any personal transportation device in violation of this policy. The owner is liable for any resulting loss or damage.

Enforcement and Consequences

- Violations of this policy may result in disciplinary action, including referral to the Office of Student Conduct.
- Guests violating this policy may be restricted from campus access.